

Business Area # 2:
MIT/Kendall Square/Lower
Broadway

Boundaries: bordered by Main Street, Broadway, Portland Street, the B&A Railroad, Audrey Street.

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: Offices, shops, restaurants in Kendall Square, #1-#5 Cambridge Center, Offices and shops on Broadway between #1 and #200, and Tech Square



Kendall Square

Larceny from buildings (no change) continues to dominate the business related crime story in the Kendall Square business district. Historically, this type of thievery has been the dominant disorder problem in this area of the city's hi-tech boom. Between 1985 and 1995, Kendall/MIT averaged over 250 larcenies from buildings per year. Increased internal security and police / business partnerships sent this crime on a five year downward spiral bottoming out with 45 incidents recorded in 1997. The first six months of 2002 seem to be following this trend. The swift decline in construction site larcenies helps to account for this decrease. Although there are occasional thefts of personal items from health club lockers and hotel rooms, the laptop computer stolen from hi-tech offices remains the favorite target for the professional pilferer. • Four out of the nine **larcenies from persons** (+12%) reported in the first six months of 2002 occurred in coffee shops around the Cambridge Center. There are far fewer of these types of thefts in this area than the other commercial districts of the City • The Kendall Square business district was plagued with a rash of breaks at commercial sites in 2000. Since the arrest of a local, unemployed construction worker in November of that year **commercial breaks** (-25%) have plummeted. The three breaks reported during the first six months of 2002 were all classified as inside jobs with ex-employees using access cards to gain entry to hi-tech firms and steal computer equipment. • While **shoplifting** is on the rise in the majority of the business districts in Cambridge, there was not one incident reported over the first two quarters in Kendall Square. • The only **commercial robbery** to occur in business district #2 in 2002 was at a Main Street bank in May. This robbery consisted of a scenario that we have observed employed on a number of occasions. The robber enters the bank near closing on a Friday afternoon, passes a note to the teller demanding cash, and flees via the subway. •

CRIME	2 nd Quarter 2001	2 nd Quarter 2002	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	26	26	N.C.
Larceny from Person	8	9	+12%
Commercial Burglary	4	3	-25%
Commercial Robbery	2	1	-50%
Shoplifting	1	0	Inc.
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	12	5	-58%

